

The Church of Holy Apostles

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster

INFANT BAPTISM APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for enquiring about the Sacrament of Baptism for your child. Please read this letter carefully as it contains important information about the celebration of Baptism in our parish.

Do you belong to this parish of Pimlico?

For your child to be baptised here you must live within the boundaries of the Roman Catholic parish of Pimlico, or regularly attend Mass at the Holy Apostles Church. Only in exceptional circumstances, with written permission from your own parish priest, may a child from elsewhere be baptised here.

Evidence of Parent's Baptism

For an infant to be baptised the law of the Church requires that there is a reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic faith. This means at least one parent must be Catholic themselves.

Before your child can be baptised you must provide a baptism certificate for one parent. If neither parent has baptism certificates, you must apply to the parish in which you were baptised for a new copy.

You can return this form without the Baptism certificate, but you will not be able to book a date for the Baptism until we receive it.

Godparents and Christian Witnesses

You choose Godparents to help you raise your child to live and practice their Catholic faith. You need to choose a Godmother or a Godfather, or one of each (you cannot have two Godmothers or two Godfathers). Each Godparent:

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must be a practising Roman Catholic.
- Must have made their First Holy Communion and received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You may also choose two Christian witnesses to the baptism. They must be Christians, but not necessarily Catholics.

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Baptism Preparation Course

The Baptism of your child is only the beginning of a life-long undertaking to grow as a member of the Church. To help you in this responsibility you will be asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Course, unless you have attended the same course for another child in the past two years.

The course is run following your arrangement with the priest. After you have completed and returned this form to the parish office, you will be contacted about the date of the next available course.

Booking a Date for the Baptism

Once you have attended the Baptism Preparation Course and provided a Baptism certificate for one parent you can book a date for the Baptism to be celebrated.

Offering for Baptism

Attached to this form is an offering envelope. The diocese suggests a donation of £30 for Baptisms, though you are free to give more or less as you wish. Please return this offering envelope at the Baptism Preparation Course or on the day of the Baptism itself. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to WRCDT-Pimlico.

If you are a tax-payer, please do fill in the Gift Aid declaration. This allows us to claim another 25p on each £1 you give at no cost to yourself: that means the parish receives an extra £7.50 if you give the recommended donation of £30.

White Garment & baptismal candle

Part of the ceremony involves placing a white garment (for example a shawl) around the child. Please bring your own or we have one you can borrow on the day.

You will also need a baptism candle, you can bring your own with you or buy one from us at a cost of £5.00

Questions

Email: pimlico@rcdow.org.uk

Telephone: **020 7834 6965**

Address: The Priests House,
47 Cumberland Street
Pimlico, London
SW1V 4LY

The priest of the parish or Sarah is also happy to answer any questions you might have about baptism.

Please return the completed form to the parish office .

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PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS AND PRINT ALL THE NAMES CLEARLY

Child

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAME(S)

DATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH

PLEASE TICK: BOY GIRL

Father

TITLE (e.g. Mr)

Mother

Title (e.g. Mrs)

SURNAME

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAME

CHRISTIAN NAME

RELIGION

RELIGION

MAIDEN NAME

FAMILY'S USUAL PLACE OF WORSHIP

Holy Apostles Church

Other, Where?.....

I/we have attended a Baptism Preparation Course in the past two years for our child:

Contact Details

HOME ADDRESS

POSTCODE

HOME TELEPHONE

MOBILE

EMAIL

Godparents and Witnesses

GODFATHER

RELIGION: ROMAN CATHOLIC

GODMOTHER

RELIGION: ROMAN CATHOLIC

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

RELIGION

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

RELIGION

Signature

Date

Protecting Your Privacy

By providing us with your details, you consent to being contacted by these methods. Your personal details will be used (and stored) by the Parish for the purposes of conducting and administering Baptism. By signing above, you acknowledge that after Baptism some of your personal data will be entered in the Parish Register and stored

permanently. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice and can be found at: rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

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APPLICATION RECEIVED	COURSE ALLOCATED	LETTER/EMAIL SENT	
DATE OF COURSE	REGISTERED PARISHIONER? <input type="checkbox"/>	EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM? <input type="checkbox"/>	
BAPTISM DATE	TIME	PLACE	ENTERED IN DIARY? <input type="checkbox"/>
CELEBRATED BY	No. IN BAPTISM REGISTER		